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This is a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. 111 of the above-identified international application designating the U.S. The following are enclosed:

- 1. A copy of the international application, including any amendments entered during the international stage.
- 2. [] Declaration, petition and power of attorney
- 3. [X] Formal drawings, $\underline{2}$ sheets (Figs. $\underline{1}$ to $\underline{3}$)
 - [] Informal drawings, sheets (Figs. to)

- 5. [] Check in amount of \$, (filing; recording) (See attached Fee Computation Sheet)
- 6. [] Verified statement claiming small entity status.
- 7. [] Cancel claims.
- 8. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

 "This is a continuation of International Application Serial
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 which is incorporated herein by reference."
- 9. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is also enclosed.
- 10. [X] Priority is claimed for this application, corresponding application/s having been filed as follows:

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